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The context...

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The Unknown God can be **K N O W N** .

GREEK RELIGIOUS HISTORY // EACH OF US HAS OUR OWN UNIQUE PERSONAL HISTORY [[JOURNEY GUIDE]] // BUT SOME OF US HAVE SETTLED WITH "UNKNOWN GOD"

This God is completely **IN CHARGE**

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POWERLESS IDOLS ARE MORE COMFORTABLE // BUT WHAT IF PAIN'S PART OF OUR PURPOSE?

Acts 17:27-28 • ... then we find our purpose ...

Our purpose is to **K N O W G O D**.

EVERY QUESTION IN LIFE IS ANSWERED BY THIS STATEMENT: BECAUSE GOD WANTS ME TO FIND HIM ==> [[PROMISES ON SCREEN]] // ARE YOU SEEKING? HAVE YOU FOUND?

Our purpose is to **S H O W G O D**

EVERY QUESTION IN LIFE IS ALSO ANSWERED BY THIS: BECAUSE GOD WANTS OTHERS TO FIND HIM. EVERY DETAIL OF MY LIFE IS THERE SO I MIGHT KNOW GOD MYSELF AND SHOW GOD TO OTHERS.

Acts 17:29-31 • ... but if not...

If I do not live my God-given PURPOSE,

I will face the JUDGMENT of JESUS

NOT JUST "FULFILLMENT" OR "HAPPY SOFT STUFF" ==> JESUS HAD TO DIE!

RESURRECTION = JUDGE!

AND THE ONE WHO LIVED PERFECTLY, DIED IN OUR PLACE, AND ROSE AGAIN IS THE JUDGE!

Take it Home: Live On Purpose

- Today, I choose to seek God by...
 PURSUING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SON JESUS AND HIS PEOPLE, THE CHURCH.
- Today, I choose to share God by...
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